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## Community Action Partnership of San Bernardino County



## War on Poverty with 66ers' Baseball

San Bernardino and Riverside Counties host the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of Community Action Agencies

(San Bernardino, CA) The Community Action Partnership of San Bernardino and Riverside Counties in cooperation with fourteen local organizations will host a series of events to commemorate the signing of the Economic Opportunity Act (EOA) and the Civil Rights Act by President Lyndon Baines Johnson in 1964.

"Ever since President Johnson declared a war on poverty, Community Action Agencies nationwide have been helping people and changing lives", said Patricia L. Nickols, Executive Director, and Community Action Partnership of San Bernardino County (CAPSBC).

The celebration scheduled for Saturday, May 22, 2004 will be held at the Arrowhead Credit Union Stadium, 280 South E Street, San Bernardino, CA 92401. The celebration kicks off at 10:00 a.m. with a Family Fair, where participating agencies will provide informational materials and other services to visitors and guests; a by invitation only Symposium, that will provide an opportunity for local elected officials and community-based agencies to discuss the state of poverty; and concludes with the "Community Action Night", baseball game between the Inland Empire 66er's and the Lancaster JetHawks at 6:00 p.m.

"The event will highlight success stories as well as challenges we face in eradicating poverty. We hope the residents of Riverside and San Bernardino Counties will join us celebrate this historical milestone," added Lois Carson, Executive Director, Community Action Partnership Riverside County.

CAPSBC is the designated Community Action Agency of San Bernardino County and is one of the 1,000 Community Action Agencies nationwide dedicated to assisting low-income individuals and families become stable and self-reliant. CAPSBC is charged with serving over 800,000 low-income families and individuals, elderly, homeless and disadvantaged residents of San Bernardino County each year.

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